

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Padgett et al.
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For	:	DEPLOYMENT TOOL FOR DISTAL BONE ANCHORS WITH SECONDARY COMPRESSION
Examiner	:	Alvin J. Stewart
Group Art Unit	:	3738

## AMENDMENT

**Mail Stop AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the final Office Action dated November 3, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.